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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated November 3, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1, 3, 6, and 14 as follows:

1. (Amended) A filter assembly comprising:

a primarily radial flow filter element comprising a substantially prismatic or

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cylindrical body of filtering material having a first end through which filtered water flows, and a second end opposite said first end;

a substantially tubular siphon shield having cross-sectional interior dimensions greater than the exterior cross sectional dimensions of said filter element, said shield consisting of a single ^{diameter} ~~thickness~~ wall comprising the exterior of said filter assembly;

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